

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate agreed to the Conference Reports to accompany H.R. 2555, Homeland Security Appropriations and H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations, clearing the measures for the President.

House Committees ordered reported 19 Sundry measures.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2658, Department of Defense Appropriations for FY 2004.

The House passed H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11877–S11928

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1647–1654. **Pages S11912–13**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–152)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–153)

S. 1640, to provide an extension of highway programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–154) **Page S11912**

District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11885–90**

Pending:

DeWine/Landrieu Amendment No. 1783, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11885–90**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September, 25, 2003.

Homeland Security Department Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the

conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11891–97**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11898–S11900**

Defense Department Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2003, Senate begin consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S11900**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 363), Larry Alan Burns, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S11897–98, S11928**

Messages From the House: **Pages S11909–10**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—363)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; General Richard Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General John Abizaid, Commanding General, U.S. Central Command; and Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Hearings continue on Thursday, September 25, 2003.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy, including a reporting policy outlined in the Agenda for Change, and the proposed Cadets Advocating Sexual Integrity and Education (CASIE) program, after receiving testimony from former Representative Tillie K. Fowler, Colonel John W. Ripley, USMC (Ret.), Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr., USA (Ret.), Patton Boggs, and Sally L. Satel, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C., Josiah Bunting, III, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, and Anita M. Carpenter, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), and Laura L. Miller, RAND Corporation, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, all on behalf of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the implementa-

tion of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (P.L. 107–204), designed to protect investors by improving accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, focusing on reform of corporate governance, financial reporting and auditing, after receiving testimony from Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr., PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, New York; Edward Nusbaum, Grant Thornton, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; Sean Harrigan, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration, Sacramento; and William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Sarah Teslik, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

A bill to provide for an extension of the Federal transit program pending the reauthorization of the program;

A bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, with an amendment; and A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy.

9/11 AFTERMATH/FEMA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the findings of the GAO concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Richard L. Skinner, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Dale W. Shipley, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; and Bud Larson, New York City Office of Management and Budget, New York.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a five year plan for the current situation in Iraq, focusing on the President's proposed supplement request, after receiving testimony